

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

Please replace paragraph 29 (the last paragraph on page 8) with the following new paragraph.

[0029] In particular embodiments, an inner portion of at least one of the ~~first~~ DC and AC salient pole portions may be extended for providing a flared extension 182, for providing additional mechanical support to the AC field windings 172 and/or DC field windings 162. Further, the DC salient poles 152 and AC salient poles 172 may be the same or different with reference to their shape and the air gaps formed thereby.